

1/28/71

Dear Paul,

As I get too foggy to ~~work~~ on legal things, I am trying to nibble away at accumulated filing and things laid aside in the expectation of hearing further about them. This I have just come to your 8/28/70, enc. Kleindienst's 7/22, your 8/22, and my inadequate 9/1.

On rereading this seems as though Kleindienst was less than definitive when he wrote as though he were. On the Odio stuff, for example, he falls short of saying "everything". If you have gotten these things from the Arc hives, I'd appreciate copies. If you haven't carried this to the end, I suggest asking if this represents 100%.

They have their special "investigative files" interpretation. In any proper one, there can be no applicability. However, one way in which it could would be if LHO had such a function. If you've carried this at all forward or gotten anything, you know how interested I'd be, esp. now, with what I've reported to you recently.

Your 8/22, penult. par., under American Mail, in any reasonable court, they cannot now withhold this.

It is interesting to note that as with me, what they refused to let you have under DJ-118 they declassified.

You asked about the Chicago grand-jury report and I do not recall if I ever responded. By far the cheapest way is to get it from the Congressional Record, which you can do from the GPO or legislators. Also, Vivian, who works with Bud, was to have loaned this to me to send to you for reading and/or copying. If Bud did not send it and you'd rather xerox yourself, why not drop him a note? The version I have is about 250 pages long, largely blank.

This is the letter in which you said, "I will return the DWF material after Jim gets to study it. I hope he will be able to respond to many other specific points you raised, which I don't have time for at the moment." I've never heard further.

It is here that you say the pages you got from the Archives total 800. I believe I had earlier asked you about getting all of them, for from the descriptions, no matter how complete you make them, it will never be possible to ascertain whether anything fits with what I already have or know. So, I'd like to arrange to get copies of all of them, please, single size, not two to the sheet, and if they can do it on letter-size paper, my files are not legal-sized and I'd have to cut all of them. Let me know the total cost and I'll send you a check. If there is any on which you want to place any kind of reservation, please do it on the back of the page or in a separate list from which I'll annotate them. These can be sent special fourth class rate, educational materials, which is slow but the cheapest rate. For another 25¢ they can be sent special handling, which in theory carries them as first-class mail. And they should be insured for the replacement cost. Include Coq d'Or press in the address. If you prefer to estimate the total cost, I'll remit in advance. The last word on the copying of what is now declassified is that Jim has worked out a special rate if the whole thing is submitted at one time and can be done during light periods (i.e., successive weekends). He then had about 500 pages and they have now concluded that the total may run about 2,500 pp.

If you have any interest in Brown, I am now in touch and can write him.

You now know of the recent use of the Smathers stuff. But I doubt that makes me believe anybody would have trusted the kind of people who went to Odio, without more backing up. If you have forgotten, she is remarried, back in Fla., and her lying fascist uncle told me he doesn't know her new name.

Hastily,